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Line 5, change "The ... to an" to --An--

Last Line on page, delete "(Figure 1)"

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Page 1, Line 1, before title, delete paragraph "Description"

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